

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 25 and 31-33 are now in the application. Claims 25 and 31-33 are subject to examination. Claims 31 and 32 have been amended. Claims 20-22, 24, 27, 30, and 34-41 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

Under the heading "Informalities or Claim Objections" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 37 and 38.

Claims 37 and 38 have been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 27 has been rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim 27 has been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102" on page 3 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 30 has been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,131,823 to Kalavsky under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 27 has been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103" on page 4 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 20-22, 24, 27, 34, 35, 39 and 40 have been rejected as being unpatentable over French Patent No. FR 2608228 to Ledamoisel et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,760 to Yuda under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103" on page 5 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 36 has been rejected as being unpatentable over French Patent No. FR 2608228 to Ledamoisel et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,760 to Yuda and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,313 to Bowes et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103" on page 5 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 41 has been rejected as being unpatentable over French Patent No. FR 2608228 to Ledamoisel et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,760 to Yuda and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,191,506 to Wright under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled.

Under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 6 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 25 and 33 have been allowed.

Under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 6 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 31 and 33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner indicated that claims 31 and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicants appreciate the indication of Allowability. The limitations of claim 30 have been added to claims 31 and 33.

The fee for presenting one independent claim in excess of three had been previously paid, and no additional claim fee is due at this time.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 31 and 33 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP, No. 12-1099.

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